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Arafat is Djibouti mediator

BEIRUT, Feb. 26 (AFP). — Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader Yasser Arafat is currently mediating between France and Somalia over the French Territory of Afars and Issas. The PLO leader had already received a message from French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing laying out the French position. Today, the agency added, Mr. Arafat had received a full expose of the Somali position regarding this referendum.

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As he continues Gulf tour

Weeks collective Arab pressure on Israel

Feb. 26, (R). — President Sadat spent about four hours in Oman and had talks in Muscat with Sultan Qaboos Bin Said. An official statement said the two leaders discussed "various Arab and international current affairs and stressed the bilateral relations between the two countries." In Oman President Sadat told reporters that Egypt was prepared to end its state of belligerency with Israel provided Israel withdrew from all Arab territory occupied in the Arab-Israeli 1967 war and Palestinian obtained their rights. The Egyptian President said about reports that there was a secret article following the Sinai agreement: "I wish to say now that this article is an American commitment to achieve a second disengagement agreement on the Golan Heights." From Oman, President Sadat flew on to Abu Dhabi, capital of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), where he was welcomed by the UAE President and Ruler of Abu Dhabi, Sheikh Zayed. Tonight, President Sadat will hold formal talks with Sheikh Zayed at the ruler's palace. According to senior Arab diplomatic sources, the Egyptian President will be seeking the views of the UAE leaders about the best way of reaching a peaceful solution to the Middle East crisis. From Abu Dhabi, Mr. Sadat will fly tomorrow to Bahrain and then Qatar, where he will stay overnight.

Peron survives impeachment try

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 26, (R). — Argentina's President Maria Estela Peron today survived an opposition attempt to start impeachment proceedings against her, but faced a growing threat of summary removal from office by Congress. The proposal for a full-scale impeachment debate was quashed after an angry three-hour discussion punctuated by warnings that the military were poised to remove Senora Peron by force. Discussions ended well after midnight when the small Popular Federal Force Party failed to win a two-thirds majority for its demand for an immediate impeachment debate. But Argentina's largest opposition party, the left-of-centre Radicals, simultaneously set in motion machinery intended to remove General Juan Peron's 45-year-old widow without lengthy impeachment proceedings. The Radicals announced they were formally asking for convocation of a "legislative assembly" empowered to declare the president unfit to rule.

Nixon visit to China boosts ailing Sino-U.S. relations

PEKING, Feb. 26 (R). — Richard Nixon's trip to Peking may well have given a badly-needed stimulus to Sino-U.S. relations despite the anger it aroused in the United States. Western diplomats here today were almost unanimous that the visit had dramatically underscored the huge importance China attaches to ties with Washington. A jubilant Mr. Nixon left the capital today for South China after four days during which he was feted as if he were still president. He flew to the picturesque riverside city of Kweilin. A spokesman here said he spent the afternoon sightseeing and was tonight attending a banquet. Peking's relations with Washington have failed to maintain the momentum that followed Mr. Nixon's 1972 visit. President Ford's journey to China last December did not even result in a joint communiqué. As an architect of Sino-U.S. rapprochement, Mr. Nixon was given a reception that few heads of government and certainly no private visitors have received.



U.N. Under-Secretary General, Roberto Guyer, (centre) is seen Thursday talking to Premier Rifai in the company of U.N. Middle East Forces Commander, Ensio Silasvio.

Envoy arrives with "new ideas" from Waldheim on Middle East

United Nations Under-Secretary General for Political Affairs, Dr Roberto Guyer, who arrived here at noon Thursday, met with Prime Minister Zeid Rifai soon after his arrival. The Commander of U.N. Forces in the Middle East, General Ensio Silasvio, accompanied Dr Guyer and also attended the meeting. Mr Guyer later described the meeting to Jordan Times reporter Lina Gress as "very positive and constructive." A government statement had earlier said that "political possibilities in the coming stage had been discussed." "The U.N. will try to surmount any deadlock and we shall do everything possible to avoid a flareup of military activities in the area... We must keep the momentum towards peace going; we cannot afford stagnation," he went on to say. In a related development, (Continued on page 6)

Spain quits W. Sahara as local assembly votes on power transfer pact

UNITED NATIONS, Feb. 26, (R). — The Spanish government informed Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim that it was withdrawing from Western Sahara "as of today," Mr. Waldheim told a press conference here. "They do not consider themselves responsible any more for anything that happens in that area," he added. Reading from the text of the Spanish letter, Mr. Waldheim said Spain did not consider that today's extraordinary session of the territory's local assembly, the Jemaa, constituted the "popular consultation provided for in the Madrid agreement" of last November 14 and relevant U.N. resolutions. These called for the presence of a representative of the U.N. appointed by the Secretary-General and U.N. supervision of the consultation process. Mr. Waldheim yesterday rebuffed a request by Morocco, which with Spain and Mauritania agreed to an interim administration of the phosphate-rich Spanish colony, that he send an observer to the Jemaa meeting. The Secretary-General said today the U.N. resolutions called for U.N. supervision of the process of self-determination by the inhabitants of the territory, whereas Morocco had asked only that he send an observer. Government sources in Madrid said the meeting was ostensibly called to bid farewell to Spanish Governor Valdes but Spain feared Morocco would persuade Jemaa members to vote in favour of Moroccan and Mauritanian rule. Spain pulled the last of its troops out of the Sahara last month. Only officials, including Governor Rafael Valdes, remained to be withdrawn today. The Moroccan News Agency reported from Rabat that the Jemaa, at the special meeting in Al Aaiun, the Saharan capital, today approved the tripartite agreement between Spain, Morocco and Mauritania providing for the handing-over of power. First reports gave no indication of how many of the Jemaa members were present. Madrid sources said Spain was worried that its presence in Al Aaiun at the time of the vote would be viewed as approval and further strain relations with Algeria, which opposes the Moroccan-Mauritanian takeover in the Sahara and backs guerrillas fighting for independence. U.N. special envoy Olof Rydbeck toured the Western Sahara earlier this month and reported that any immediate consultation with the population was impossible because of unrest there. Capucci gives up his hunger strike. OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Feb. 25 (AFP). — Archbishop Hilarion Capucci, imprisoned Greek Catholic Patriarch of Jerusalem, has given up a hunger strike he began on Jan. 28, the Arabic East Jerusalem newspaper Al Quds reported today. It said the Archbishop, serving a 12-year sentence for allegedly smuggling arms for Palestinian guerrillas, had begun taking food again in response to appeals from lay and church figures in the occupied West Bank. Another Arabic newspaper, Al Fajr, said pupils at the Catholic College in occupied East Jerusalem had sent a telegram to United Nations Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim asking him to intervene with the Israeli authorities "to save the endangered life" of the Archbishop. It was reported last week-end that Archbishop Capucci was being fed intravenously after stepping up his fast. (Continued on page 6)

Peres: We're not ready to return territories

TEL AVIV, Feb. 26, (AFP). — Full-scale peace agreement with the Arabs is not yet possible, so the Israeli government decided instead to explore the chances of ending the legal state of war, Defence Minister Shimon Peres declared here last night. Mr Peres, regarded as the leading "hawk" in the government, told a meeting of young members of the conservative National Religious Party that he did not believe Israel could proceed immediately from interim accords to a peace treaty. "It is obvious that the Arabs will never make peace without restitution of all the territories occupied since 1967, and I doubt whether we are ready to pay such a heavy price for that kind of peace," he said. If Israel wanted to retain its friendship with the United States it must resign itself to paying a high political price, the minister concluded. The government announced last weekend that it had agreed to a United States proposal that an attempt be made to end the state of war as a way round the stalemate that has stalled the Geneva Middle East Peace Conference. In a related development the United States has promised Israel it will sell no arms to Egypt apart from the C 130 Hercules transport aircraft, according to Israeli sources in Washington. Administration sources said "arising from the recent tragic events" in Lebanon. (Continued on page 6)

Waldheim launches \$50 m appeal to aid Lebanon

UNITED NATIONS, Feb. 26 (R). — Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim today launched an international appeal for \$50 million in emergency relief aid for the people of war-torn Lebanon. He said the \$50 million was to meet estimated emergency needs until the end of 1976 "arising from the recent tragic events" in Lebanon. "I hope that governments will respond generously to this humanitarian appeal," he said. Mr. Waldheim named U.N. Under Secretary-General William Buffum, a former American ambassador to Beirut, as coordinator of the international relief effort. In Beirut, the Minister of Labour and Welfare Ghassan Tuani said today after inspecting damage throughout the country that devastation during the 10-month civil war was even greater than originally believed. Lebanon would need "at least two years to emerge from the catastrophe," he predicted. Only one-fifth of factories were running normally again, Mr. Tuani added. The government, meanwhile, today and yesterday approved of supplying funds for loans to rebuild factories and tourist facilities, for 50 million Lebanese pounds (\$23 million) in reconstruction loans to home owners and shop keepers, and for a 100 million pound programme to repair damaged flats and build housing for displaced people. In a related development, villagers in the Baalbeck district of central Lebanon exchanged shots for 90 minutes today, but nobody was killed, an informed source disclosed in Beirut. Lebanese Interior Minister Camille Chamoun meanwhile expressed reluctance about forming an enlarged cabinet "of national reconciliation" after consulting President Suleiman Franjeh on that subject today. Pierre Gemayel, head of the (Continued on page 6)



INTERESTING. — Former President Richard Nixon gets a view of the large wall posters at Tsinghua University in Peking Wednesday morning. (AP wirephoto).

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Travelling puzzle

There are few more enigmatic leaders in the world today than Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, though equally few who have the responsibilities of being in the pivotal situation that Mr. Sadat has been in since coming into office in 1970.

Regionally, he cooled his relations with many colleagues by signing the interim disengagement agreement with Israel last fall, a move that simultaneously won rave reviews in the international press because it gave the outside world the mirage image of peace movements in the Middle East.

Quite courageously, Sadat signed the document and went through with the disengagement, complete, for the romantics, with an impromptu football game between Israeli and Egyptian soldiers.

On the global level, he has been playing a dazzling game by warming up to the U.S. while all the time complaining about a lack of Russian military aid. An offshoot of this has been the Egyptian effort to improve political and economic relations with the EEC countries. While the late President Nasser played one power off against the other, Sadat today engages in a far more difficult and enthralling game — he plays ball with all the powers at once.

But then, politically, militarily and economically, Egypt needs all the help it can get. The superpowers not being enough, President Sadat has also been moving closer to the wealthy oil producers, including Iran. His trip this week to Saudi Arabia and four other Gulf states is essentially a fund-raising effort, and, like the others that preceded it, this one will come up with another several hundred million dollars in aid.

Sadat's Gulf connection, however, far transcends the financial arena. He is hooked up now with several heavy-weight Gulf oil producers in setting up the first real Arab armaments industry, in Egypt, with Gulf money and European (mainly French and British) technology combining to produce a purely Arab source of arms. This will take several years to come to fruition, but it will significantly cut the Egyptian president's obligatory ties to the Soviets. It will also allow him the first semblance of freedom to manoeuvre among the world's major powers, something he seems to enjoy doing.

It is easy enough for observers to criticise Sadat's moves, and we have joined those who believe the Sinai disengagement agreement is nothing more than a clever hoax on the part of that clever man Henry Kissinger. The enigma about Mr. Sadat is that he has sustained the criticism, and sometimes even the ridicule, of critics in the Middle East and throughout the world. Yet he has shown the capacity to act decisively, such as when he expelled the Soviets from Egypt and when he took part in the 1973 October War.

It is for this reason that his trip throughout the Gulf this week may prove to be more than just a voyage for money, because the leverage he has with the added political and economic support of the Gulf oil producers makes him an ever more formidable actor in the international political game. Whether he uses that power to force a just settlement of the conflict with Israel — and nobody is taking bets here — ultimately depends on his power base in Egypt and throughout the Middle East. This is what he is trying to strengthen these days, and he may deserve some more time to make good on his endless promises to settle with Israel only if Israel withdraws completely from occupied Arab territories and recognises the rights of the Palestinians. Because of Sadat's pivotal position in the battle against Israel, one continues to curse the day he agreed to sign the Sinai disengagement agreement and anticipate the day when he may prove he did the right thing.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

The cabinet decision Wednesday to allocate more than JD 8 million for housing projects for civil servants, labourers and people with a limited income, in addition to 50 and 25 per cent tax exemptions on the net income of government and private sector employees respectively, was a bold step taken by the government to raise the living conditions of the private citizen, as part of the programme drawn up by His Majesty King Hussein, Ad-Dustour said.

"This liberal gesture," the paper went on, "will place a responsibility on the beneficiaries themselves, who should in turn put in a big effort to boost production" and improve the quality of local products. This money will be drawn from the government treasury, and should be offset by increased production so that the government and private citizens will join hands to speed Jordan's progress on the path of development.

Al-Ra'i warned that the Sahara dispute may escalate when Spanish troops complete their withdrawal from the area on February 28 as scheduled. The paper deplored the heated nature of the call by some of the disputants for Arab League arbitration when the dispute has already assumed such large proportion. "What is the use of an Arab foreign ministers meeting when the parties to the conflict have reached a point of headlong military collision?" the paper asked. "It seems that the parties to the Sahara dispute do not want to end the fighting. They want to use the Arab foreign ministers' meeting under the auspices of the Arab League as a platform for attacks on each other. That's all that there is to it the paper said."

Boycott officers to discuss important matters

AMMAN. — The 39th General Conference of the Arab Boycott of Israel Office, to be held late next month, will mainly discuss new US anti-boycott regulations, an informed source said.

The Conference's agenda will include other subjects of importance, like the concept of denying licensing general agencies for Arab companies working for foreign agencies or companies involved with Israelis.

Another subject is boycotting foreign companies using packing materials (paper, glass or metal) produced by other boycotted companies.

The economic relations between Romania and Israel will also be on the agenda.

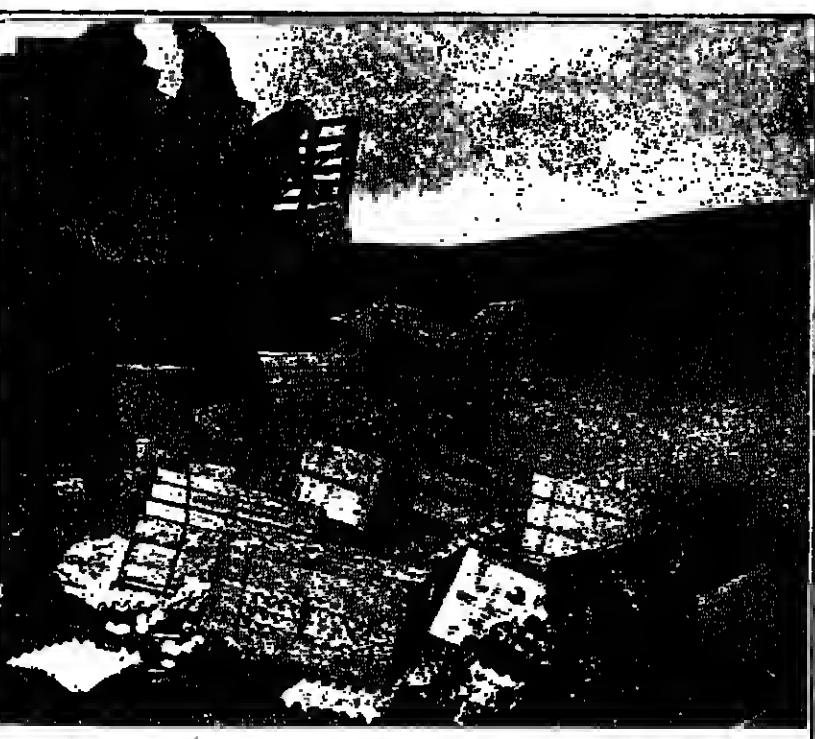
Labour social welfare studied

AMMAN. — The Ministry of Labour is studying the feasibility of establishing a Social Security Corporation for Workers, Minister of Labour, Mr Isam Ajlouni announced yesterday.

The establishment of this corporation is included in the 5-year plan launched early this year.

Ansari lectures on Saudi antiquities

AMMAN. — Dr Abdul Rahman Al Ansari, Professor of History and Antiquities at Riyadh University in Saudi Arabia will give a lecture Friday evening, at the Jordan Intercontinental Hotel on Antiquities in Saudi Arabia. Dr Ansari arrived here last Tuesday at the invitation of the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities.



ROTTEN EGGS. — Part of three million rotten eggs ordered burnt by the government are seen as they were consigned to the flames Wednesday. The eggs had been in storage since June.



FLYING TOGETHER. — Alia's Chairman Ali Ghandour (center left) heads the meeting between Alia and Iranair.

Iranair, Alia talks end

AMMAN. — Final talks on bilateral cooperation between Alia and the Iranian national airline Iranair took place here Thursday.

They discussed the recommendations of the joint sub-committees set up to work out the bilateral agreement which will coordinate and develop co-operation between them, as well as organise air transport and traffic between Jordan and Iran.

Mr Ali Ghandour, Director General of Alia, headed the

JD2m in loans available to cooperatives

AMMAN. — The Administrative Council of the Jordanian Cooperative Organisation Wednesday approved the Organisation's operational plan for 1976, which will make available loans worth JD 2 million, for which all cooperative societies will be eligible.

The Director General of the organisation, Mr Marwan Douadin, who presided at the council meeting said this sum compares favourably with last year's figure, which amounted to JD 1.1 million.

Jordan establishes relations with Mauritius

AMMAN, (JNA). — Jordan decided to establish diplomatic relations with the government of Mauritius at the ambassadorial level. The decision will take effect on the 26th of this month.

NATIONAL BRIEFS

● AMMAN : Minister of Industry and Commerce Dr. Raji Muasher presided Thursday over a meeting of the board of administration of the Commercial Centres Corporation to discuss the situation of Jordanian trade centres abroad. The possibility of developing such centres and setting up new ones to cover all Arab countries was also discussed.

● AMMAN : The Director of the Political Department in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Mansour Bataineh, received in his office Wednesday, the Greek ambassador to Jordan and the American Chargé d'Affaires.

● AMMAN : Minister of Tourism and Antiquities Ghaleb Barakat returned here Thursday from a five day official visit to Bahrain.

● AMMAN. — Mr. Abdul Haq Al Fukhani of the Moroccan Mineral Wealth Ministry arrived here Tuesday for talks with Jordanian officials on preparations for the third Arab mineral wealth ministers meetings to be held in Morocco in April.

● AMMAN. — Royal Scientific Society (RSS) Director General Dr. Ishac Farhan will hold a press conference Monday to review the RSS's achievements last year and its current projects.

Hammadi holds talks in India

NEW DELHI, Feb. 26, (AFP) — Visiting Iraqi Foreign Minister Saadoun Hammadi and his Indian counterpart Yeshwantrao Chavan today had talks on ways of strengthening the non-aligned movement.

They discussed the forthcoming non-aligned summit in Colombo, Sri Lanka, and the need to keep the Indian Ocean free from big power rivalry.

Mr Hammadi arrived here Wednesday from Afghanistan.

After his talks with Mr Chavan, Mr Hammadi called on Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi.

Teachers' for contracts in be official

AMMAN. — The Education has asked the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to prohibit Saudi Arabia and states, to prohibit personal contracts with teachers, it was agreed Thursday.

Contracts must through government by official delegation.

This move has the Ministry for and statistics pur protective measures many specialised training work outside

Arab cities ends in Cai

AMMAN. — Re the study of preventing in Arab schooling and technical and the establishment academy to train civil defence method of protection of industrial were adopted by the es Seminar, said mad Al Sukhn, the Jordanian delegation.

A publication of projects, he added, and will include on the activities of Arab municipalities.

The Arab City meetings Wednesday

The Managing Director of The Revert of Spain, Mr. Jose Ramon Revert arrived in Wednesday. His company specialises in the production of woolen blankets.

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10.10 Religious programme	21.00 Arabic series
10.25 Count of Monte Cristo	9.45 Documentary
11.20 The three stooges	CHANNEL 6 :
11.45 Religious programme	19.30 News in Hebrew
12.10 Big valley	19.45 Varieties
12.54 Arabic series	20.30 Sandy Duncan show
18.00 Programme review	21.10 Family at war
18.05 Cartoons	22.00 News in English
18.30 Soccer match	
20.00 News in Arabic	22.15 Mystery movie : Mc-Cloud (on both channels)
CHANNEL 3 :	
19.15 Religious programme	

Amman Airport

DEPARTURES :	22.55 Doha, Muscat
6.50 Aqaba	ARRIVALS :
7.20 Beirut	8.30 Aqaba
8.45 Beirut (M.E.A.)	9.30 Kuwait (KAC)
10.00 Cairo	9.50 Beirut
10.15 Kuwait (KAC)	10.30 Cairo (EA)
11.30 Cairo (E.A.)	16.15 Cairo
19.00 Kuwait, Dhahran	16.30 Paris
19.30 Dubai, Karachi	17.20 Copenhagen, Frankfurt
20.30 Teheran	18.30 Beirut (MEA)

Radio

[ON 856 KHZ]
7.00 Breakfast show.
7.30 News Bulletin
7.45 Morning Melodies
12.00 Pop session (part I)
13.00 News Summary
13.03 Pop session (part II)
14.00 News Bulletin
14.10 Radio magazine
14.30 Melody time
15.00 Classical Music
15.30 Light Instrumentals
16.00 Old Favourites
18.30 Easy listening
17.00 Studio one
18.00 News Summary
18.05 Listener's choice
18.30 Science report
18.45 Break for music
19.00 News Bulletin
19.10 News reports
19.30 Sign off.

Market Price

Apples (Double Red) 200—240	Oranges (Local) 50—80
Apples (Golden) 120—150	Oranges (Naval) 70—1
Apples (Starken) 140—170	Potatoes (Egyptian) 8
Bananas 150—190	Potatoes (Local) 100—1
Bel Pepper 120—150	Tomatoes 70—100
Beets 50—70	Tangerine 40—70
Eggplant 100—140	
Cabbage 30—45	
Chestnuts 300—350	
Carrots (Yellow) 40—60	
Carrots (Black) 50—70	
Cucumbers (Small) 300—350	
Cucumbers (Large) 200—250	
Grapefruit 50—65	
Garlic 50—70	
Hot Pepper 300—340	
Horse Beans 150—180	
Marrow (Small) 200—250	
Marrow (Large) 120—160	
Onions 120—160	
Oranges (French) 60—100	

Tonight's Emergencies

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Dr Farouk Kalouti (222)

PHARMACIES :

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Joseph (51822)

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Rainbow (37249)

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seeks copies of Lockheed reports

Feb. 26, (AFP). — Tanassi and Luidi-Coi that they States has told it-lying ways of re- s of the secret Se- tee report on the ng of foreign off- Lockheed aircraft s, Foreign Minis- Rumor said today. told parliament he for full copies of committee find- to official inquiries Agency (CIA).

La Stampa, quoting an un- published section of the Pike report, said the CIA paid a total of \$ 9.9 million to influence the results of the 1972 elections in Italy.

One third went to "a party of national importance" and another third to an agency set up by the CIA and working on behalf of that party. Two million dollars were shared between 21 candidates, La Stampa said, adding that one of these was

still a nationally important politician. The newspaper said payments from an \$ 800,000 CIA fund used by Gen. Miceli to "buy" 50 politicians died up in 1973. Gen Miceli, who was arrested in 1974 for alleged involvement in an abortive coup d'etat, told the new U.S. ambassador, John Volpe, his clients were getting suspicious, La Stampa said.

Mitterand meeting with Boumedienne seen as significant

ALGIERS, Feb. 26, (AFP). — Visiting French Socialist Party leader Francois Mitterand was today accorded the politically unusual privilege of being received by Head of State Houari Boumedienne.

Observers said the meeting had certain political significance. For the head of a non-governmental delegation to have direct talks with the head of state, at a time when Franco-Algerian relations had deteriorated, indicated that Mr Mitterand was being received as someone who, in the near future, could be France's official representative, observers said.

In Algerian eyes a Socialist government in France would better assure good relations with socialist Algeria than the present one, observers said.

Mr Mitterand, who arrived here yesterday with a top-level Socialist Party delegation, is reportedly trying to improve relations between Algerian and the single ruling party here, the National Liberation Front (FLN) and the French left-wing parties.

His visit follows up an earlier trip here by French Communist Party leader Georges Marchais with whom Mr Mitterand has been trying to effect a common political front.

Mr. Mitterand ended a second round of talks with the national liberation front today with an agreement to set up a joint permanent commission to examine various problems between France and Algeria. These included Algerian immigrant labour in France, and cultural and technical cooperation.

It was the first time, observers noted, that the FLN had agreed to such a relationship with a foreign political party and it emphasised the Algerian party leaders' wish to strengthen links between the people of Algeria and of France.

It was further proof, if proof were needed, that the Algerian leaders were giving exceptional importance to Mr. Mitterand's visit.



CONGRATULATIONS. — U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim is seen offering his best wishes to the Kuwaiti Permanent U.N. Representative, Mr. Abdulla Bishara, and his wife in New York Wednesday on the occasion of Kuwait's national day.

Yemen considers monkey business

SANAA, Feb. 26 (AFP). — North Yemen, beset for years by chronic economic problems, may at last have found an export commodity the rest of the world wants — monkeys. Adnan Tarsissi, Yemeni representative at the United Nations, sent a report recently to the foreign ministry here noting that the country's indigenous Rhesus monkey was a species greatly in demand throughout the world for medical research.

He pointed out the commercial possibilities of the vast monkey population that roams the mountains of North Yemen, known in classical times as "Arabia Felix" but now one of the poorest nations in the Arab World.

The monkeys at present fetch only one pound sterling (two dollars) apiece on the local market. But the price was expected to soar if large orders began coming in from abroad.

African churches back PLO cause

CAIRO, Feb. 26 (R). — Representatives of African churches today expressed full support for the Palestinian cause and the restoration of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people.

In a statement issued after a week-long session of the General Committee of the All African Conference of Churches (AACC), the representatives also urged the participation of Palestinians in the Geneva Middle East Conference.

The statement called for joint programmes of "dialogue and interaction with Muslim brothers and sisters in the Afro-Arab world to foster and promote mutual respect, understanding and cooperation."

The AACC embraces 118 Orthodox, Protestant, Anglican and other churches in 31 African countries.

Strike starts 2nd day at U.N. Geneva

GENEVA, Feb. 26, (R). A strike of United Nations lower-paid staff here spread today as officers in the U.N.'s Geneva headquarters went for the second day without light, heating or electrical current for typewriters and copying machines.

Staff Committee Chairwoman Marie Schwab told a mass meeting that 200 workers in the nearby secretariat of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) had declared a one-day stoppage in solidarity with their U.N. colleagues.

Conferees at the U.N. building, including today's session of the Geneva Disarmament Talks, were criticised. Protesters man- ued the power control rooms and cut electricity to an emergency minimum.

Ms Schwab said the staff union at U.N. headquarters in New York had called its support for the 2,700 secretaries, typists and maintenance and office personnel here. They are striking for higher pay.

It also called the U.N. administration at Geneva's Palais des Nations urging acceptance of the workers' demands, she said.

This is the first strike at the Palais des Nations in its 40 year history.

EEC delegation to visit Egypt

CAIRO, Feb. 26, (AFP). — A delegation from the European Common Market will visit Egypt on March 9 to discuss possibilities of a new agreement on commercial and technical cooperation. Egyptian officials announced today.

The agreement would include an undisclosed amount of financial aid to Egypt, informed sources said here.

The Common Market agreed last December to supply Egypt with 200 million dollars worth of food.

BA official affirms nature of Concorde route to Bahrain

LONDON, Feb. 26 (LPS). — British Airways is not considering suspension of its twice-weekly Concorde supersonic service between London and Bahrain, as recently suggested in a London newspaper.

The airline's managing director Mr. Henry Marking, rejecting the suggestion, said in London that British Airways has "every intention" of continuing to operate the Concorde service. BA might even want to increase the frequency from two to three services a week.

Mr. Marking explained: "There is no truth in the report in one London newspaper that British Airways will withdraw its Concorde operation to Bahrain because of lack of public support and consequential financial loss."

"The airline's estimates have never shown the London/Bahrain Concorde operation to be profitable by itself. The London/Bahrain operation is the first step on our route to Australia. As such it is very important to us and we have every intention of continuing to operate it."

Mr. Marking said traffic on the route had so far been "rather better" than had been expected.

Now that U.S. government approval had been given for British Airways to operate Concorde into New York and Washington for a 16 month trial, there was just a chance that the Bahrain frequencies might have to be altered for a short period until more Concorde aircraft and pilots were ready.

Mr. Marking said this situation would arise only if there was a quick start-up of transatlantic Concorde services. "If on the other it appears likely to be some time before flight to the USA can take place," he said, "we should probably want to increase the frequency on the Bahrain route."

EEC states plan 290-mile fish limit

COLOGNE, Feb. 26 (AFP). — A 200-mile fishing limit will be adopted by the countries in the European Economic Community (EEC) after the Law of the Sea Conference which resumes shortly in New York, a West German official said today.

The news was given by Fritz Logemann, Secretary of State for Agriculture in an interview on Cologne Radio.

He also said that the EEC countries would discuss fishing quotas within this limit and grant mutual fishing rights.

Mr Logemann also said that the EEC would speak "with one voice" at the coming resumption conference.

Greek minister holds EEC talks

BRUSSELS, Feb. 26 (R). — Greek Planning Minister Panayotis Papaligouras today discussed his country's application for membership in the European Common Market with Belgian Foreign Minister Renaat Van Elslande, informed sources said.

They said the two men discussed the next stage in the Greek application, which has been supported by all member states, as well as bilateral relations.

The EEC Executive Commission reacted coolly to the application; however an unspecified waiting period before membership and a programme to strengthen Greece economically must be effected.

The Greek Minister today meets Commission President Francois Xavier Ortoli and Sir Christopher Soames, its vice-president responsible for external relations.



UNMAN. — Loretta Haymour whose husband held Canadian Embassy in Beirut last Monday speaks to Wetaskiwin, Alberta, Canada after learning he of six armed men when he seized the embassy. She is legally separated from her husband and lives with her four children. (AP wirephoto).

General says China work on ICBM

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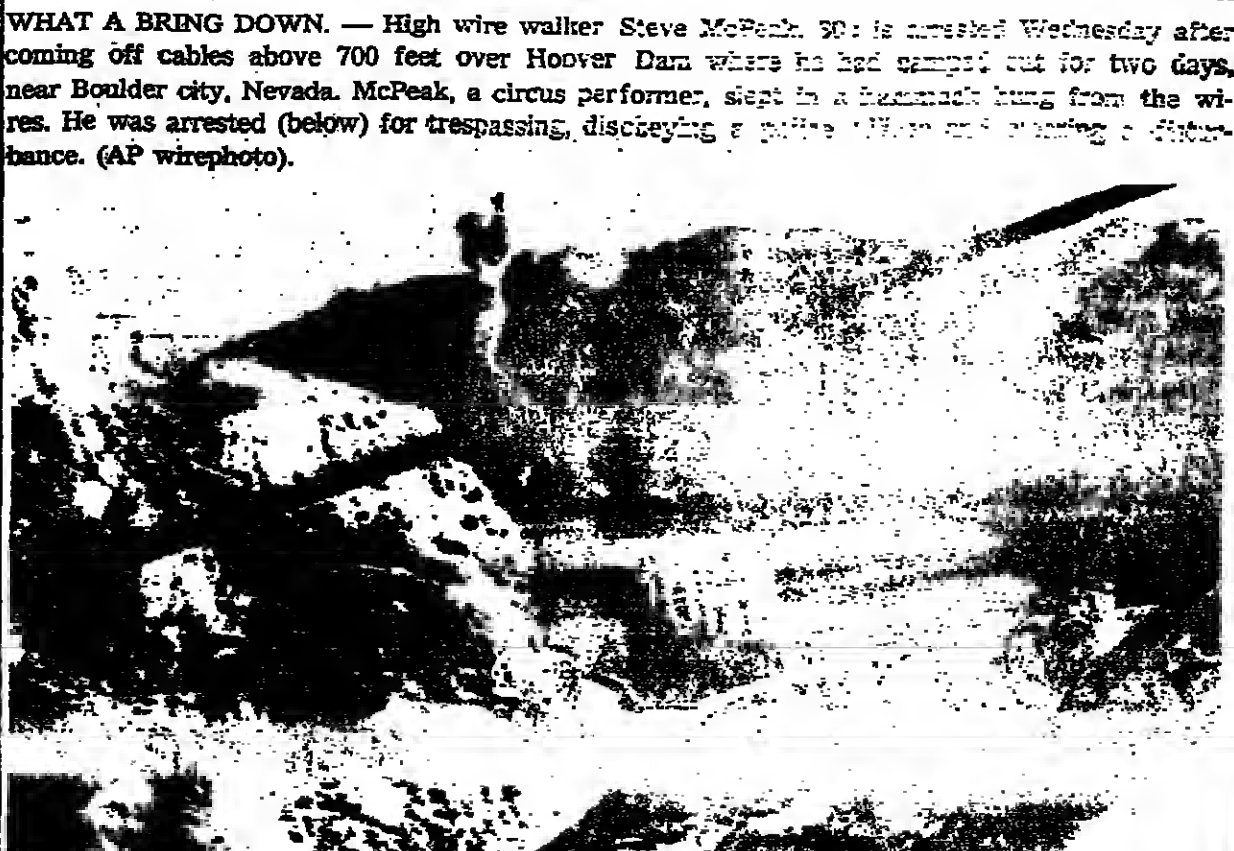
Vietnam national vote set for April

HANOI, Feb. 26 (AFP). — After 20 years of war between North and South Vietnam, the reunified country is to go to the polls April 25 to elect the 488 members of a new constituent national assembly.

The elections will be supervised by a national election council of 22 members. The council held its first meeting in Saigon February 21.

Two other electoral commissions of 25 members each will supervise voting in the 50 northern and 30 southern voting districts.

On the basis of one deputy for every 100,000 inhabitants, the North will elect 248 members and the South 240.



WHAT A BRING DOWN. — High wire walker Steve McPeak, 30, is carried Wednesday after coming off cables above 700 feet over Hoover Dam where he had camped out for two days, near Boulder city, Nevada. McPeak, a circus performer, slept in a hammock hung from the wires. He was arrested (below) for trespassing, discarding a police officer and causing a disturbance. (AP wirephoto).



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Japan considers LNG deal with Abu Dhabi, Australia

TOKYO, Feb. 26, (AFP). — The additional export offer is Australia and Abu Dhabi have offered to sell huge quantities of liquefied natural gas (LNG) to Japan, Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) sources said today.

Australia has requested Japan's participation in the development of Australia's north-western continental shelf for liquefied natural gas and has offered to sell Japan four million tons of LNG products a year on a long-term basis.

Abu Dhabi has signified its intention to export additional LNG to the 2.8 million tons now shipped to Japan yearly to make the whole amount 5 million tons a year.

MITI, accordingly, has begun sounding steel and electric power industries to estimate how much more LNG Japan can accept. Japan thinks that LNG will become a source of clean energy next only to nuclear power.

According to MITI, the offer to sell LNG by Australia was brought by Deputy Prime Minister Douglas Anthony, who visited Japan earlier this month. Australia had already ascertained that the north-western continental shelf had deposits of LNG producing 7,000,000 to 8,000,000 tons a year.

Australia has offered to develop with Japan about 4 million tons or half of the amount. Britain's Burmah Oil Co. is already planning to operate a joint venture with Japan on the project.

In regard to Abu Dhabi, a contract had already been concluded between the Abu Dhabi government and Tokyo Electric Power Co. to supply 2,800,000 tons of LNG (including 800,000 tons of liquefied petroleum gas) a year; the first shipment will arrive in Japan in November.

The gas is collected from submarine wells in the Das Isle area off Abu Dhabi. Japan's Mitsui and Co. and Bridgestone Liquefied Gas are taking part in development of this gasfield, as well as the Abu Dhabi Oil Company, British Petroleum and Compagnie Francaise des Petroles.

not concerned with submarine gas, but LNG to be developed anew on land. Abu Dhabi wishes to sell 5 million tons of this LNG.

Japan's demand for LNG was only 5.8 million tons a year in 1975, of which Japan produces 1.8 million tons. Thus Japan can import only about 4 million tons a year.

In 1980, however, Japan would like to import 20.6 million tons of LNG under the long-term energy demand and supply programme. As matters stand at present, only 15.6 million tons can be imported in 1980, so an additional 5 million tons would have to be obtained.

IDA asks Japan to invest \$1000 million

TOKYO, Feb. 26 (AFP). — The International Development Association (IDA) has asked Japan to invest 1,000 million dollars, or 11 per cent, of a 9,000-million-dollar increase in its capital.

Revealing this Wednesday, government sources said that the increase of IDA is to be made at the rate of 3,000 million dollars a year from 1978 for three years. Japan has been requested to contribute 11 per cent of the amount.

Various international financing organisations to which Japan belongs have been increasing their capital to give more adequate aid to developing countries. But the IDA plan is on an unprecedented scale. If Japan is to invest as planned, the yearly amount would be as much as 100,000 million Yen, which would be difficult to contribute in the financial crisis it is facing. On the other hand, Japan is loath to discontinue developing countries.

Since it was founded in September 1960, IDA has been giving loans to the least developed countries, each with national income below 376 dollars a year per capita, at zero interest (against 8.5 per cent interest in the case of the World Bank).



GETTING READY. — These four U.S. astronauts will make the first test flights of the space shuttle, a spacecraft that resembles an airplane. Astronauts (from left) Fred Maise, Commander, Charles Fullert, Pilot, Joe Engle, Commander, and Richard Truly, will make all the test flights up to the first orbital flight of the spacecraft. Their launch vehicle will be a 747. The four held a news conference Wednesday at the Houston Space Center. (AP wirephoto).

U.S. sales of weapons slacken

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26, (AFP). — Sales of U.S. weapons abroad are lower than expected this year because of the Western recession and because Middle East countries are almost saturated with arms, Lieutenant General Howard Fish said today.

Sales will total about 8,200 million dollars in the current fiscal year, 1,600 million less than predicted, he told the House of Representatives Armed Services Committee.

A record of more than 10,000 million dollars in military equipment was sold last year. Sales will fall off to about 7,400 million next year, the General forecast.

He said weapons themselves only accounted for about 40 per cent of these sums. The rest was to pay for logistic installations and communications equipment.

The Israeli "demand" for armament has "lessened" since the end of the October 1973 war, Gen. Fish testified.

"Iran, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait signed large sales agreements that will take care of their needs for some time," he added to explain slackened demand.

French foot town all up in arms

RENNES, France, Feb. 26, (AFP). — Footwear workers today drove 100 cars on both sides of the road from Fougères to Rennes where an emergency conference was being held on the plight of the Fougères footwear industry.

Another manufacturer today went into liquidation, the third in two weeks. Together they employ over 1,000 workers.

Fougères is a small Breton town that virtually lives on making footwear. The communist newspaper L'Humanité said today that this activity was now "in the hands of three firms" as a result of mergers in the past.

"The drama of Fougères is the perfect illustration of the policy of a state subservient of the power of money," it suggested, recalling that productivity had increased 70 per cent in 10 years while the number of workers employed had fallen by 14 per cent.

Egypt plans for 10 nuclear power stations

CAIRO, Feb. 26 (R). — Egypt plans to build 10 nuclear power stations in the next 20 years to cope with the increasing demands of industry, the semi-official Cairo newspaper Al Ahram said today.

The first station, to be constructed at Siki Kreir, on the Mediterranean coast near Alexandria, will have a 600 to 800 megawatt capacity. It will cost 150 million sterling and is expected to be completed within seven years, Al Ahram said.

Two international firms, Westinghouse and General Electric, have submitted tenders. The Egyptian government will supply a reactor for the Sidi Kreir station.

A special committee under Power Minister Ahmad Sultan is due to meet here today to discuss the tenders. Work on the power station is expected to start later this year.

ALO meet to be held in Cairo

AMMAN. — Jordanian authorities have received a memo from the Arab Labour Organisation (ALO) suggesting the Arab Ministers of Labour Conference be held in Cairo instead of Mauritania, sources said here yesterday.

The Conference, which will be held next month, will mainly discuss the situation of working women in the Arab World.

Background by the pound in dollar, not in sterling

LONDON, Feb. 26 (AFP). — The dollar will remain the main axis of the pound during 1977 according to an international survey by Amex Bank, a London subsidiary of American Express.

The probe also found that the pound sterling would depreciate at a slower rate. The US inflation rate would be around six to eight per cent.

These questioned in the survey included central bank officials, other bankers, financial analysts and businessmen in the United States, Western Europe and Japan.

They were unanimous in believing that the exchange rate of the dollar to the mark would not fall below 2.5 marks to the dollar in the next six months.

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Each year in British factories there are about 10,000 eye accidents, each involving a loss of three or more days of work.

Up to now there has been widespread resistance among workers—especially women—to wearing spectacles in industries where it is desirable to protect the eyes. The general complaint has been that safety glasses are too heavy and clumsy, and in most cases restrict the view.

Fashion Colours

The attractive frames of the light-weight glasses are in fashion colours—rose for women and "smoke" for men. The clear side shields are in tough polycarbonate, fixed to the frame.

The lenses can be clear, green, or photochromic (which darken on exposure to sunlight and clear in shadow).

In the West, the greatest cause of blindness today is from accidents—in factories, on the roads, or among children—most of them preventable.

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Concorde spinoff will protect workers' eyes

A spin-off from a technological advance developed for Concorde is likely to make a significant contribution to eye safety in factories.

Asked to develop a light, tougher windscreen glass for the Concorde project because of pressure at supersonic speeds, Pilkington, the giant British glass firm, produced a glass 30 per cent lighter than that previously used in aircraft.

As it meets the requirements of the British Standards Institute's specification for safety glass in industrial spectacles, BS 2092, it is now being incorporated into the lens of spectacles for factory and laboratory wear.

U.K. industrialists to visit Japan

LONDON, Feb. 26 (AFP). — British industrialists will visit Japan next month to try to step up sales of motor spare parts and accessories in that country.

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ANCIENT PRECISION PROCESS. — An operator at the Midlands factory of a British precision castings manufacturer removes the wax "pattern" of a turbine blade which will be used to finished cast components to extremely fine tolerances. The process, known as investment casting, uses techniques developed around the year 4000 BC in ancient China. Wax is injected through a nozzle into a die and left for 15 seconds to allow the wax to solidify. After checking the wax assembly is dipped into a ceramic slurry, then immersed into coloured particles. When the shell has been formed it is dried and fired which melts the wax and leaves the shell with the impression of the mould inside. This ceramic shell is then preheated to fully calculated temperatures and the metal — used to form the final precision casting — poured in. After cooling the ceramic shell is vibrated free from the mould and the cast component removed.

Exchange Rates

Following are the official Amman exchange rates at the close of the business day yesterday. The two figures denote buying and selling prices in Jordanian fils:

U.S. dollar : 331—329
U.K. sterling : 669—675
French franc : 73.4—73.9
Swiss franc : 84.4—84.8
Deutsch marc : 128.8—129.2
Syrian pound : 92.9—93.1
Iraqi dinar : 905—912
Kuwaiti dinar : 1119—1120
Libyan dinar : 710—720
Lebanese pound : 133.8—135.1
Algerian dinar : 82.3—83

LONDON MARKET REPORT

Government bonds firmed Thursday on the possibility of a reduction in the bank minimum lending rate Friday, dealers said. Small buying was seen in light trading. Long dated loans gained.

Leading industrials eased slightly towards the close, after a mainly firm session with net gains of up to 10p recorded, although some top names slipped back to overnight levels.

Oils were steady and banks eased slightly. Mining shares were easier on fears of a reduction in aid to mines by the South African government, dealers said. Australians were also lower.

Leading equities scoring net gains of 3p to 7p included Fisons, Glaxo, Bowater, EMI and Reed International. In a firm electrical sector EMI gained 7p and Thorn added 10p.

Standard and Chartered Bank lost a further 10p after Wednesday's rights issue announcement, while Johnson Matthey gained a similar amount of its results Wednesday night. Lonrho added a net 6p in active trading and Burmah Oil gained 4p in a steady oil sector.

De Beers lost 7p more in easier mines, reflecting continuing uncertainty about the political situation in South West Africa.

U.K. prof says much cancer research on wrong track

He disputes that there has been a significant increase in some kinds of human cancer during the latter half of the twentieth century, and questions the reliability of the interpretation of statistics on which such fashionable assumptions are based.

Nor does he accept that the large amount of work designed to show that cancers in man are caused by viruses is conclusive.

Professor Burch says that he cannot disprove the hypothesis that some cases of lung cancer might be caused by cigarette smoking, but he demonstrates that the bulk of the increase in deaths from lung cancer recorded during this century in England and Wales has been due to factors unconnected with tobacco.

"On the basis of the existing evidence, you cannot conclude that there is a causal connection between smoking and lung cancer," he said.

The condition is often wrongly diagnosed by doctors who assume that a patient who smokes heavily and who has a shadow on his lung X-ray film is suffering from lung cancer. Recent studies in the U.S. have shown that in about half the cases, the lung was a secondary site, the primary site being elsewhere, such as in the pancreas.

"It's unlikely that the biological basis to theory is seriously wrong - apart from detail," said Professor Burch, a former winner of the Rontgen Award of the British Institute of Radiology, who has spent more than a decade in evolving the thesis set out in his book.

"I am making predictions about the mechanism of control of normal growth, as well as what happens when it breaks down. If these predictions are corroborated, it is difficult to see that the theory of cancer can be drastically wrong," he added.

So the work of uncovering Jordan's past continues. There is no doubt that foreign organizations such as ACOR are playing an important part in this huge task, for though their resources may be limited, they often have a wealth of experience gained from working elsewhere which is of inestimable value.

"Some of the supporting evidence is very powerful in its quantitative detail.

They, in their turn, have much to gain too, for the terms under which they work here are far more generous than in many other Near Eastern countries.

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- 42 Earthenware
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BIG VALLEY

HOW THE CHILDREN

A family of gypsies having worked for the Barkleys leave for another town. Nick accompanies them and after several incidents they reach their destination safely.

MYSTERY MOVIE

MCCLOUD : FIRE

Fire destroys a big building. McCloud suspects that it has been willfully done. He investigates and his guess is in its place.

**SANDY DUNCAN SHOWN:
PLAY IT AGAIN SAMUELSON**

Sandy, accused by couple to have injured them when interfering to prevent their fighting each other is sued in court by them.

A FAMILY AT WAR: A HERO'S WELCOME

December 1941: David is expected home for Christmas leave, and Sheila has brought their eldest child, Peter, to see him. It is a long time since father and son last met, and Peter's image of his father has been based more on fiction than reality.

Rhodesian constitutional talks continue amid hopes of progress

SALISBURY, RHODESIA, Feb. 26, (AFP). — British Envoy Lord Greenhill today opened talks here with Prime Minister Ian Smith on the ten-year-old constitutional deadlock.

The two men, accompanied by senior officials, met at the prime minister's official residence.

Lord Greenhill's arrival earlier today coincided with speculation that the direct talks between Mr Smith and the Rhodesian nationalist faction led by Joshua Nkomo were running into trouble. The Smith-Nkomo round of talks have lasted on and off for two months and, so far, no agreement has been reached on any of the key issues, reliable sources said.

The government and the Joshua Nkomo faction of the African National Council (ANC) held a plenary meeting today which lasted two hours. It was their first meeting in two weeks.

Later Mr Nkomo told newsmen that Lord Greenhill's visit may change the course of the negotiations, but there was not yet any certainty about it. The next meeting between the two sides had been set for Monday to allow the nationalists here to confer with Lord Greenhill tomorrow, Mr Nkomo said.

Mr Nkomo said the agreement to hold another meeting next week indicated that "some progress" was being made but he would not comment further.

Today's meeting followed an exchange of new documents

Perez: not ready to return territories

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Foreign Minister Yigal Allon and his French counterpart conferred at a working lunch today during a one-day pause on Mr. Allon's journey to Latin America.

The lunch indicated a desire by both governments to keep contacts despite differing analyses of the Middle East situation observers believed.

The French minister, Jean Sauvagnargues, told reporters his talk with Mr Allon was "very friendly and very direct," with goodwill on both sides although their viewpoints were not "always identical."

Mr Allon explained why his government was discontented with France's support of the United Nations Security Council resolution last November linking renewal of the U.N. buffer force mandate on the Syrian front to a Palestinian debate in the Security Council, informed sources said.

The meeting between the two ministers hardly went beyond an exchange of views, observers concluded.

Waldheim launches Lebanon appeal

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conservative Phalange Party, who also attended the meeting, told newsmen, "Security should be re-established everywhere in the country before thinking about enlarging the government."

This confirmed that conservative Christian politicians have not been persuaded by Syrian mediator Abdel Halim Khaddam to form a government of "national balance" although he succeeded in convincing the Druse leftist leader Kamal Junblatt.

Mr. Chamoun said, "I am still convinced that the present (six-man) cabinet is the best possible."

two weeks ago. No details of the new proposals have been released.

It was believed here that Greenhill will raise with Mr Nkomo and Mr Smith the likelihood of the opposing faction of the ANC, led from Lusaka by Bishop Abel Muzorewa, being brought into the talks.

It was believed here that Britain wants to broaden the scope of the negotiations to

NATO offers Warsaw Pact nuclear cutback in Europe

VIENNA, Feb. 26, (R). — Pact said proposals it tabled U.S. tactical nuclear capability in West Germany would be significantly reduced, then numerically "frozen" under new NATO force-reduction proposals, Western diplomats said today.

This is part of a Western package offering a nuclear cutback in Central Europe for the first time. NATO officials described the offer as a major concession in efforts to end a two-and-a-half-year stalemate at the 19-nation troop-reduction conference in Vienna.

Soviet bloc sources meanwhile disclosed what they called a major concession: Communist willingness to accept first-stage cuts limited to U.S. and Soviet forces, and the dropping of a demand that nine other nations pledge themselves at the outset to make fixed national force reductions.

The seven-nation Warsaw

include other African groups, especially the Muzorewa faction.

The current political activity is going on against a background of a widening guerrilla war by Rhodesian black nationalist groups based in Mozambique.

A security force communiqué issued yesterday said that in recent clashes 24 nationalist guerrillas had been killed.

But NATO diplomats said the Communists ignored the West's basic demand for bigger cuts by the Warsaw Pact because of its ground force and tank superiority in Central Europe.

The Vienna conference held its 95th plenary session today, with statements by the two German delegates. Ambassador Wolfgang Behrends of West Germany emphasised the disparities problem, and East German delegate Ingo Oeser accused NATO of seeking military advantages.

The Communist proposals were still under study and there was no immediate Western reaction, a NATO spokesman said.



FIGURE SKATING GOLD. — John Curry is shown during the performance in which he became the first Briton ever to win the men's figure skating Olympic gold medal. Twenty-six-year-old Curry adds this title to the European gold award won at Geneva in January.

Envoy arrives with "new ideas" from Waldheim

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Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim said in a New York press conference Thursday that the U.N. was tackling the "hurdle" of PLO representation at the Geneva Conference.

Dr Waldheim also revealed for the first time that he had specific ideas on the subject.

"I have instructed Mr Guyer to put certain ideas to his interlocutors... We have to wait now to see what the reaction of the parties is." He did not elaborate on the proposals.

Dr Guyer will end his tour of the Middle East with a visit to Egypt.

Dr Guyer also told the Jordan Times that he was scheduled to hold talks with representatives of the Palestine Liberation Organisation as well as Syrian officials in Damascus Friday, where he goes on the next leg of his trip.

Dr Guyer refused to put an end to speculation that he would meet with Mr Yasser Arafat. Asked about the contacts he made in Israel where he had spent the last two days, Dr Guyer did not go beyond the

published statements of Foreign Minister Yigal Allon and Defence Minister Shimon Peres whom he met in Israel, "Israel still opposes PLO participation in the Geneva Peace Conference."



WELL KNOWN. — Cuban Leader Fidel Castro speaks at 25th congress of Soviet Communist Party in the Kremlin Palace of Congresses in Moscow Wednesday. (AP wirephoto).

Top contenders hopeful after N.H. primary

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26, (R). — Both President Ford and Mr Ronald Reagan, his challenger for the Republican presidential nomination, said they were well satisfied with the indecisive result of Tuesday's New

Hampshire primary election, the first direct voter test in this year's campaign. A spokesman for Mr Ford said that "the President feels he will have the majority of the delegates needed before he reaches the (Republican) convention in August."

Mr Reagan, who polled 49 per cent of the New Hampshire vote to Mr Ford's 51 per cent, described the result as a virtual tie.

On the Democratic side, former Georgia Governor Jimmy Carter, the New Hampshire victor, predicted that he would now get the nomination on the first ballot at the Democratic convention.

Second-placed Morris Udall, an Arizona congressman, also received a boost from the New Hampshire poll. His backers claimed he was now the leading contender among liberal Democrats.

The New Hampshire primary was the first of 31 similar state elections before the national conventions, and the candidates are now squaring up for the major contests.

Tunisia, Morocco complain about EEC trade terms

BRUSSELS, Feb. 26 (R). — The Common Market Commission today tried to resolve a complaint by Tunisia and Morocco over what they claim are unfavourable terms for the export of their oranges and wine to the community.

Informed sources said senior commission officials met the ambassadors of Tunisia and Morocco to answer their demand that their trade agreements, worked out last month, should incorporate the same treatment for exports of wine and oranges as Algeria negotiated in a separate accord.

Spanish opposition part put down proposed elect

ROME, Feb. 26, (AFP). — Spain's main opposition party (membership in the European Economic Community) and towards like must march towards democratic elections in which not all Spanish parties are allowed to take part.

Representatives of the Democratic Junta, which ranges from the communists to monarchists, and the Democratic Platform, which includes Christian Democrats and the Spanish Socialist Workers Party (PSOE), were meeting for the first time outside Spain.

At a press conference today, Santiago Carillo, Secretary General of the illegal Spanish Communist Party declared that "Any election in which the Communist party would not take part would be a farce and the Democratic Junta would refuse to participate."

Representatives of both movements attacked what they termed the "false impression of democratisation that Spain wishes to give" and charged that the present government in Spain had responded "timidly" to the wishes of the Spanish people for liberty by promising only a "limited" democratic regime.

Both groups stressed the need for "unity among the democratic forces in Spain" and Mr Enrique Mugica, speaking for the Democratic Platform, declared that "Our presence here proves that this unity really exists."

Mr Mugica said that the political groups would not "intervene in the affairs of the army, but leave the military men to make their own free choice."

The groups said that they had received "total solidarity" from the Italian government and proclaimed that "Spain

Robinson arr for Cairo

CAIRO, Feb. 26 (A). Charles Robinson, Under-secretary of State Economic Affairs, here today for a visit.

Mr. Robinson, here to study measures strengthening economic relations between the countries, will meet with Minister Abu Ismail and Minister Muhammad Chafie.

Army, civilian new constitution pact in Portugal

LISBON, Feb. 26 (AFP) Portuguese armed for the country's five months night signed an agreement a constitutional pact.

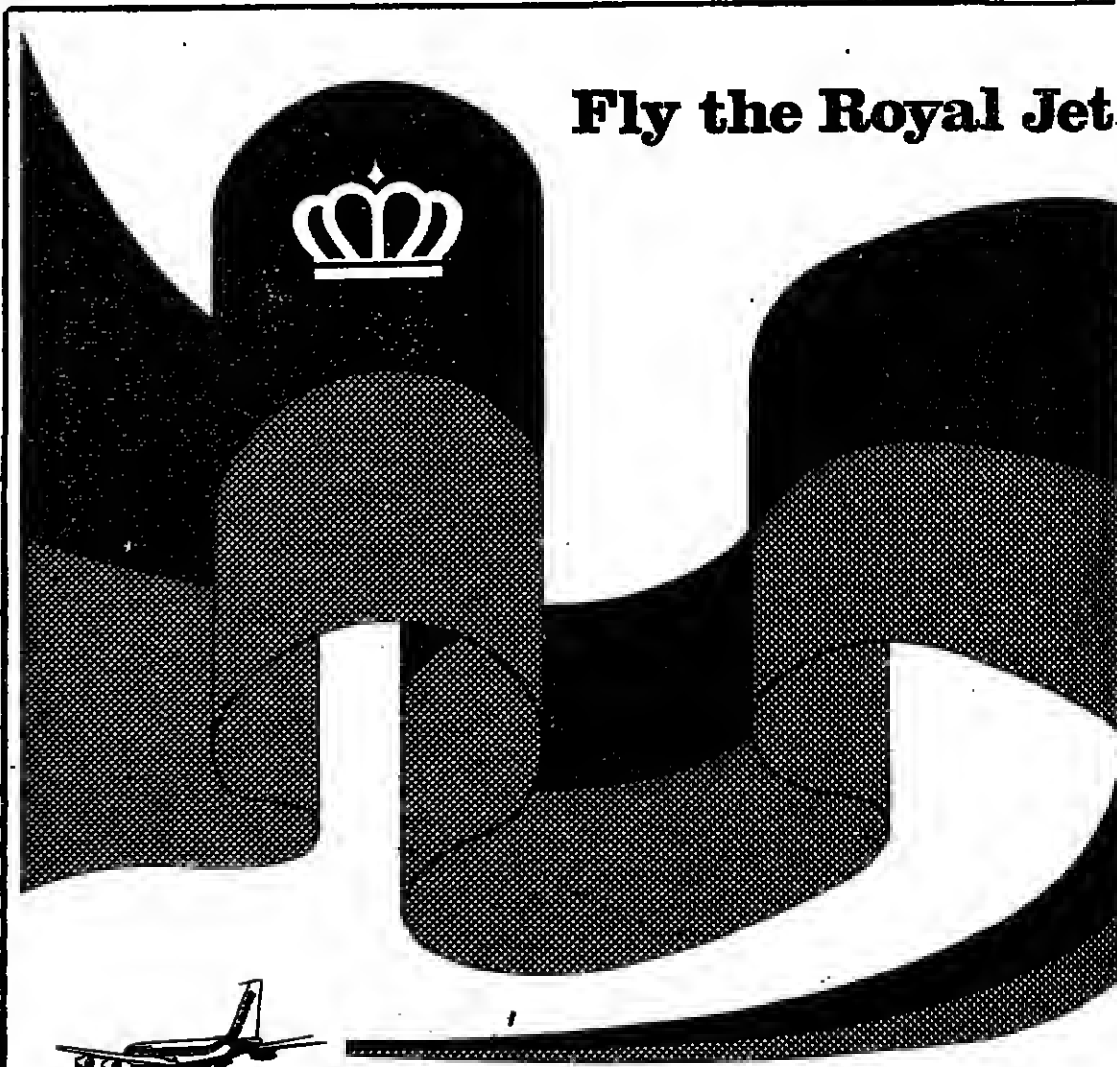
The accord establishes relations between the forces and the parties next four years.

The aim of the new constitutional platform, won after lengthy negotiations, turn Portugal over to rule and to make new legislative elections.

Today was the day signing the platform for a national are to be held on April second anniversary of revolution in which the forces toppled the former.

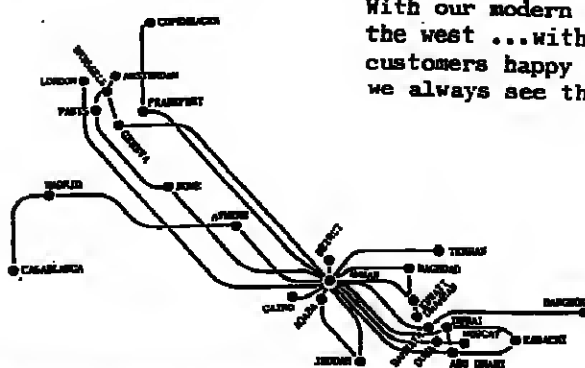
The armed forces will have a consultative role and act as national watchdogs.

Fly the Royal Jet



Alia makes it a small world

With our modern jets we combine the east with the west... with our good service we make our customers happy... they never say goodbye, we always see them again.



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